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BIROBIDZHAN INDUSTRY PROGRESSESCOMPLETES 1948 PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 75, 31 Mar 49

Industry in the city of Birobidzhan, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, fulfilled the 1948 production plan 101.1 percent and realized more than 2 million rubles in above-plan profits. The cart-building, metal goods, and plywood plants, the sewing factory, the spinning and weaving factory, and the "Novaya Zhizn'" Artel all completed the year plan. The spinning and weaving and the sewing factories, the metal goods plant, and Birobidzhan Station No 1 completed the first-quarter 1949 plan ahead of schedule.

Twelve out of 30 enterprises in the city failed to complete the 1948 plan and failed to give the State 3 million rubles' worth of production. The city's industry completed only 97.2 percent of the January and February plan. The administration of the city division of the State Bank reports that the cart-building plant realized above-plan accumulations, not by economy of materials, but by producing goods of the lowest-quality wood.

TEXTILE FACTORY EXPANDS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 81, 7 Apr 49

The electric power plant at the Birobidzhan Textile Factory will be put into operation by 1 June 1949. The plant will enable the factory to be operated at full capacity with two and three shifts. The construction was carried out by high-speed methods under winter conditions, which were overcome by use of heated enclosures for preparing construction materials and concrete and reinforced concrete work. A mechanized carpentry shop was organized to produce windows, doors, wooden structures, wood and metal segments and girders for all projects in the factory.

NEW BRIDGE PLANNED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 99, 28 Apr 49

The settlement of Birakan, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, has planned many improvements to be carried out in 1949. These include construction of a bridge across the Bira River and repair of 1,330 square meters of roads. The population has already procured 250 cubic meters of cinder for road repair.

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